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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *08 September 2003*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-15* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-15* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *08 September 2003* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date *2 sheets*.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the light-gathering layer includes a third transparent member" in lines 1-2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Neither claim 4 nor claim 6 specify a first or second transparent layer.

3. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is not clear to the examiner how using a circle of least confusion in a ratio to describe a size of an opening is appropriate.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 4, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Forrest et al. (U.S. 6,125,226).

6. Regarding claim 1, Forrest et al. disclose an organic electroluminescent display including: an organic electroluminescent device (see Fig. 2C, item 100; column 3, lines 33-35), having a microcavity structure (see Fig. 2C, item 112; column 3, lines 36-38), capable of

emitting light resonating in the microcavity structure (column 3, lines 36-38); a light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 111; column 3, line 35) having an opening through which a portion of the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent device passes (see Fig. 2C, region near item 119; column 3, lines 35-38); and a light-gathering structure, disposed between the organic electroluminescent device and the light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 217, a portion of item 217, the sloped region on the right hand side of the device is disposed between the organic electroluminescent layer (item 113) and the light shielding region (item 111)) , capable of gathering the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent device.

7. Regarding claim 4, Forrest et al. disclose an organic electroluminescent display including: an organic electroluminescent device array (see Fig. 2C, item 100; column 3, lines 20-25, lines 33-35) including a plurality of organic electroluminescent devices, each having a microcavity structure (see Fig. 2C, item 112; column 3, lines 36-38), capable of emitting light resonating in the microcavity structure (column 3, lines 36-38); a light-gathering layer including light-gathering structures (see Fig. 2C, item 217, a portion of item 217, the sloped region on the right hand side of the device is disposed between the organic electroluminescent layer (item 113) and the light shielding region (item 111)), arranged so as to correspond to the organic electroluminescent devices (see Fig. 2C), capable of gathering the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices; and a light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 111; column 3, line 35; item 111 reflects light emitted from the organic layer, from exiting the device until it has been wave-guided to the opening in the light-shielding layer, therefore it shields the light's exit of the device) having openings through which a portion of the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices passes (see Fig. 2C, region near item 119; column 3, lines 35-38),

wherein the organic electroluminescent devices are arranged in a plane and the openings are arranged so as to correspond to the light-gathering structures (see Fig. 2C).

8. Regarding claim 7, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claim 4, wherein the light-gathering structures of the light-gathering layer are arranged at a pitch smaller than or equal to a pitch at which the organic electroluminescent devices of the organic electroluminescent device array are arranged. The light-gathering layer in figure 2C is item 112. The organic electroluminescent layer of figure 2C is item 113. Items 112 and 113 are parallel to one another; therefore they have the same pitch, or slope.

9. Regarding claim 9, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claim 4, wherein the openings are arranged such that light emitted in the direction perpendicular to a plane on which the organic electroluminescent devices are arranged passes through each opening (see Fig. 2C, the light rays, drawn as lines and arrows, exit the waveguide perpendicular to the organic electroluminescent device).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 or 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Forrest et al. (U.S. 6,125,226).

12. Regarding claim 14, Forrest et al. disclose an apparatus including: organic light emitting devices, which are designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7), having a microcavity structure (see Fig. 2C, item 112; column 3, lines 36-38), capable of emitting light resonating in the microcavity structure (column 3, lines 36-38); a light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 111; column 3, line 35; item 111 reflects light emitted from the organic layer, from exiting the device until it has been wave-guided to the opening in the light-shielding layer, therefore it shields the light's exit of the device) having an opening through which a portion of the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent device passes (see Fig. 2C, region near item 119; column 3, lines 35-38); and a light-gathering structure, disposed between the organic electroluminescent device and the light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 217, a portion of item 217, the sloped region on the right hand side of the device is disposed between the organic electroluminescent layer (item 113) and the light shielding region (item 111)), capable of gathering the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent device. Although, a controller for providing image information is not specifically disclosed, because the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al. is designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7), there must be a controller in the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al., to concentrate the emitted light for high brightness.

13. Alternatively, Forrest et al. disclose an apparatus including: organic light emitting devices, which are designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7), having a microcavity structure (see Fig. 2C, item 112; column 3, lines 36-38), capable of emitting light resonating in the microcavity structure (column 3, lines 36-38); a light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 111; column 3, line 35; item 111 reflects light emitted from the organic

layer, from exiting the device until it has been wave-guided to the opening in the light-shielding layer, therefore it shields the light's exit of the device) having an opening through which a portion of the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent device passes (see Fig. 2C, region near item 119; column 3, lines 35-38); and a light-gathering structure, disposed between the organic electroluminescent device and the light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 217, a portion of item 217, the sloped region on the right hand side of the device is disposed between the organic electroluminescent layer (item 113) and the light shielding region (item 111)), capable of gathering the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent device. Although, a controller for providing image information is not specifically disclosed, because the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al. is designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7), there must be a controller in the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al., to concentrate the emitted light for high brightness.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, that Forrest et al. use a controller capable of providing image information, since Forrest et al. disclose organic light emitting devices designed to concentrate image brightness.

14. Regarding claim 15, Forrest et al. disclose an apparatus including: organic light emitting devices, which are designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7); each having a microcavity structure (see Fig. 2C, item 112; column 3, lines 36-38), capable of emitting light resonating in the microcavity structure (column 3, lines 36-38); a light-gathering layer including light-gathering structures, arranged so as to correspond to the organic

electroluminescent devices (see Fig. 2C, item 217, a portion of item 217, the sloped region on the right hand side of the device is disposed between the organic electroluminescent layer (item 113) and the light shielding region (item 111)), capable of gathering the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices; and a light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 111; column 3, line 35; item 111 reflects light emitted from the organic layer, from exiting the device until it has been wave-guided to the opening in the light-shielding layer, therefore it shields the light's exit of the device) having openings through which a portion of the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices passes (see Fig. 2C, region near item 119; column 3, lines 35-38), wherein the organic electroluminescent devices are arranged on a plane and the openings are arranged so as to correspond to the light-gathering structures (see Fig. 2C). Although, a controller for providing image information is not specifically disclosed, because the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al. is designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7), there must be a controller in the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al., to concentrate the emitted light for high brightness.

15. Alternatively, Forrest et al. disclose an apparatus including: organic light emitting devices, which are designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7); each having a microcavity structure (see Fig. 2C, item 112; column 3, lines 36-38), capable of emitting light resonating in the microcavity structure (column 3, lines 36-38); a light-gathering layer including light-gathering structures, arranged so as to correspond to the organic electroluminescent devices (see Fig. 2C, item 217, a portion of item 217, the sloped region on the right hand side of the device is disposed between the organic electroluminescent layer (item 113) and the light shielding region (item 111)), capable of gathering the light emitted from the organic

electroluminescent devices; and a light-shielding layer (see Fig. 2C, item 111; column 3, line 35; item 111 reflects light emitted from the organic layer, from exiting the device until it has been wave-guided to the opening in the light-shielding layer, therefore it shields the light's exit of the device) having openings through which a portion of the light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices passes (see Fig. 2C, region near item 119; column 3, lines 35-38), wherein the organic electroluminescent devices are arranged on a plane and the openings are arranged so as to correspond to the light-gathering structures (see Fig. 2C). Although, a controller for providing image information is not specifically disclosed, because the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al. is designed to concentrate emitted light for high brightness (column 1, lines 5-7), there must be a controller in the organic light emitting device of Forrest et al., to concentrate the emitted light for high brightness.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, that Forrest et al. use a controller capable of providing image information, since Forrest et al. disclose organic light emitting devices designed to concentrate image brightness.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

16. Claims 2, 8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forrest et al. (U.S. 6,125,226) in view of Wilson et al. (U.S. 5,994,835).

17. Regarding claims 2 and 8, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claims 1 and 4. Forrest et al. do not teach that the light-gathering structure includes a lens having a focus, and the opening of the light-shielding layer is disposed in the vicinity of the focus of the lens.

Wilson et al. disclose an organic light-emitting device with a light-gathering structure (see Fig. 3, item 206; column 6, lines 32-33), including a lens with a focus (see Fig. 3, item 242; column 8, lines 22- 25). Wilson et al. further disclose that the lens is capable of focusing the emitted light beam onto a plane.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the organic light-emitting device of Forrest et al. to include a lens with the light-gathering structure, as taught by Wilson et al., for the added benefit of focusing the emitted light beam onto a plane.

18. Regarding claim 10, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claim 4. Forrest et al. fail to disclose that the openings have a size determined based on a wavelength of light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices.

Wilson et al. disclose an organic light-emitting device wherein the openings have a size determined based on a wavelength of light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices (column 3, lines 50-52). Because the thickness of the waveguide layer is also the diameter of the opening (see Fig. 3, items 206 and 238) the thickness chosen to allow the waveguide to function more efficiently, by being a multimode waveguide for multiple modes of the light beam, the opening acts as the same.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the organic light-emitting device of Forrest et al. to include that the openings have a size determined based on a wavelength of light emitted from the organic electroluminescent devices, as taught by Wilson et al., for the added benefit of improving the

efficiency of the device by allowing the waveguide to function as a multimode waveguide for multiple modes of the light beam.

19. Claims 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forrest et al. (U.S. 6,125,226) in view of Matthies et al. (U.S. 2003/0011303).

20. Regarding claims 3 and 13, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claims 1 and 4. Forrest et al. fail to teach that the light-shielding layer comprises a light-absorbing member capable of preventing external light transmitted from the outside from being reflected.

Matthies et al. disclose an organic light-emitting device with light-absorbing member (paragraph 0008). Matthies et al. further disclose that the light-absorbing members increase display contrast (paragraph 0008, lines 3-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the organic light-emitting device of Forrest et al. to include a light-absorbing member, as taught by Matthies et al., for the added benefit of an increased display contrast.

21. Claims 5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forrest et al. (U.S. 6,125,226) in view of Biebuyck et al. (U.S. 5,855,994).

22. Regarding claim 5, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claim 4. Forrest et al. fail to teach that the light-gathering layer includes first and second transparent members having different refractive indexes with spherical faces disposed therebetween.

Biebuyck et al. disclose an organic electroluminescent device wherein the light-gathering layer includes first and second transparent members having different refractive indexes with spherical faces disposed therebetween (see Fig. 2, item 20; column 5, lines 14-22). Lenses are light-gathering layers by definition that they gather light and converge it to a point or disperse it by divergence. Lines 21-22 of column 5 state, "a second layer of Siloxane with a higher refraction index can be added to enhance the lensing." Based on the shape of the curved face of lens, item 36, in figure 3, and the overhead view of the lenses, items 42, in figure 4, the lenses are spherical in shape.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the organic light-emitting device of Forrest et al. to include first and second transparent members having different refractive indexes with spherical faces disposed therebetween, as taught by Biebuyck et al., for the added benefit of enhanced lensing.

23. Regarding claim 11, Forrest et al. disclose the display according to claim 4. Forrest et al. fail to teach that the openings have a circular shape, a rectangular shape, or an elliptic shape.

Biebuyck et al. disclose an organic electroluminescent device wherein the openings have a circular shape, a rectangular shape, or an elliptic shape (see Fig. 1, the shape of item 18). The circular shape would match the shape of the lens, thereby focusing the maximum amount of light.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the organic light-emitting device of Forrest et al. to include the openings have a circular shape, a rectangular shape, or an elliptic shape, as taught by Biebuyck et al., to focus the maximum amount of light.

Pertinent Prior Art

24. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wolk et al. (U.S. 2001/0036561 A1) and Fork (6,339,289 B1) are both prior art in the field of light emitting devices with internally wave-guided light.

Imanishi (U.S. 2002/0061418 A1) is pertinent prior art in the field of display devices using lenses.

Contact Information

25. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony J. Canning whose telephone number is (571)-272-2486. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh D. Patel can be reached on (571)-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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